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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Appl. No. 09/438,358; Filed: November 12, 1999
For: Compositions and Methods for Recombinational Cloning of
Nucleic Acid Molecules

Inventors: Gerard *et al.*
Our Ref: 0942.4640001/RWE/BJD

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. PTO Fee Transmittal Form (PTO/SB/17);
2. Petition For Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(1);
3. Notice of Appeal From the Examiner to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences - Large Entity;
4. Our Check No. 34702 in the amount of \$1,240.00 to cover the appropriate fees;
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necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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Respectfully submitted,

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